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The Department of Health and Human Services Receives \$488,999 Grant

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have selected Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to receive competitive implementation grant in the amount of \$488,999 to establish a process to bill for immunization services.

This grant is extremely important for the sustainability of the safety net that public health services provide to our communities within the state. In the face of ACA, our state along with many others will have a population of insured who are beginning and continuing to seek out health services with their coverage. It will be important that there is a sustainable safety net of health services provided through our health authorities (Washoe County Health District, Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS), Southern Nevada Health District, and the State of Nevada Community Health Nursing Program) within NV to assist in assuring that those who are seeking services have an access point into care. This grant was awarded to NV based on a previous competitive grant awarded with planning and framework activities conducted by Carson City Health and Human Services and Immunize NV.

The intent of this grant is to fully implement the blue print (plan to become an in-network provider) created by Carson City Health and Human Services (with a planning grant awarded previously). The blue print will be implemented among the other health authorities so they can begin to bill for immunizations services. Though the intended purpose of this grant is to be utilized for immunizations, it has been demonstrated through CCHHS that it has the capacity to assist them with billing for other health services based on contracts with 3rd party payers. The grant will assist our public health authorities gain sustainability of public health services (billable) which is imperative as public funding decreases.

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